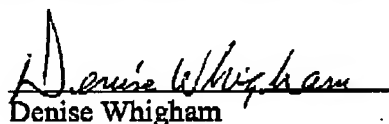


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 15 September 2004 (Paper Number 1), Applicants herein respond to the Examiner's Request for Restriction. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of comments contained herein.